



Richard Waterfield engages in conversation during Celebrate Philanthropy at Purdue Fort Wayne on April 10, 2022.

## Richard D. and Marni Waterfield Recognized for Transformative Support of Environmental Resources Center at PFW

Purdue University Fort Wayne is honoring major benefactors **Richard D.** and Marni Waterfield for their considerable efforts to help staff at PFW's Environmental Resources Center mitigate damage to the planet and educate students to be advocates for a more sustainable environment. In honor of their multifaceted contributions, the ERC building and program will now be known as the Waterfield Environmental Resources Center.

At PFW, the Waterfield name is synonymous with altruistic initiatives and the support of student success. In addition to funding [scholarships](#) and creating the Young Scholars Academy, which Dick

Waterfield continues to sponsor in collaboration with PFW and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, the family subsidized in the early 2000s the construction of the university's first student housing complex on what is now known as the Waterfield Campus.

With his legacy as a business leader and community benefactor firmly established at PFW and across the state, Waterfield recently chose to provide vital financial support to the ERC. This backing will primarily underwrite positions within the center's staff structure and student internships and funds for the projects they take on. It will also support other programming or projects dedicated to developing a more sustainable environment.

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## Student-Professor Connection Shaped through Mutual Admiration

A few years ago, Ben Dattilo, veteran professor of geology at Purdue University Fort Wayne, walked into a new class and informed his students that the Disability Access Center was available if needed. Taking things into her own hands, Jacqueline Miller had already signed up and organized through the DAC accommodations, which are applications students dealing with

disabilities are allowed and encouraged to use.

When Miller introduced herself after class as a deaf student, Dattilo said with a grin, “Oh, you’re going to be trouble, aren’t you?”

As is his nature, Dattilo was kidding, having no idea how much Miller and he would positively affect each other. Over time, they have built a partnership transcending most professors and students, becoming each other’s biggest fans.

Miller could have packed up her books and run from academia decades ago to find an easier life. Since grade school, she’s been dealing with dyscalculia—a form of dyslexia but with numbers—mixing digits so much they are incomprehensible.

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## Important Employee Assistance Program Update

Effective March 1, employees of Purdue Fort Wayne will begin to utilize AllOne Health as the university’s Employee Assistance Program provider. Bowen Health will no longer serve in this role.

Through EAP, employees and their immediate family members are eligible for up to six free, confidential mental health counseling sessions per concern, per year.

AllOne Health offers multiple convenient ways to access support. Employees may schedule counseling sessions by phone, via secure video, or in person. Those who prefer in-person care can select from available local AllOne Health counselors. In addition, AllOne Health provides “in-the-moment” support, connecting employees directly to an available EAP clinician for immediate assistance, as well as text and chat options.

Beyond mental health counseling services, AllOne Health’s comprehensive member portal offers a wide range of resources, including:

- An online financial wellness center
- Self-care assessments
- Soft skills courses
- Articles, webinars, and podcasts
- Health and wellbeing resources

Additional services include life coaching, work–life resources and referrals (such as childcare, elder

care, and adoption support), legal referrals, financial consultations, personal assistance services, fertility journey support and counseling, and depression screenings.

After the six free counseling sessions have been utilized, employees enrolled in a Purdue health plan may be referred to in-network providers for continued care. Employees may also explore other available options to support their ongoing mental health needs.

Questions? Contact Amy Jagger, benefits director, at [anjagger@pfw.edu](mailto:anjagger@pfw.edu).

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## Eventful

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*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.*

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Sun., 2:30–4 p.m.

### Trumpet Studio Recital

School of Music students studying trumpet will perform a variety of trumpet repertoire at their biannual studio recital. Students will perform solo and ensemble works under the direction of professor Daniel Price...

MARCH

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Sun., 5–7 p.m.

### Faculty Artist Recital: Hamilton Tescarollo, Piano

Hamilton Tescarollo, professor of music and director of keyboard studies, will present a solo piano recital featuring Chopin's Fantasy in F Minor, Op. 49, sonatas by Scarlatti and Mozart, and additional works by Bach/Busoni, Ravel, Guarnieri, and Lacerda.,,

## On the Job

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*Check out the new faces in new places.*

## New Hires

- Shamshod Khuseynov, international student advisor | International Education

## In a Snap

*Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.*



The Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union transformed into a breakfast battleground on Wednesday for National Pancake Day. Wendy Maxwell, representing the Student Activities Board, stayed busy flipping flapjacks while issuing friendly challenges to students.

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